



### Dates to Remember

**Aug 13 - MD12  
Organizational Mtg**

**Sept 15-17  
USA/Canada Forum  
(Calgary)**

**Oct 8 - 12N  
Cabinet Meeting**

**Dec 6 - 12N  
Food Packing Event**

### DG RICH'S POST- "Between the Lions"

My second month as your DG starts off with an urgent plea to **ALL** Lions in District 12N: We need to fill vacancies. Multiple positions are open: 2<sup>nd</sup> VDG, Zone & Region Chairs plus individual club officers. Let's make this a priority for August 2022 to step up and fill a vacancy. I realize the time constraints plus the term limits placed on Clubs due to International Constitution and By-law changes, but we have veteran Lions who will give you the best training, rebate registration fees (scholarships) and help with the financials of traveling, etc. Do some soul searching, ask a new member, you will not regret it but remember "We Serve" also applies to your fellow Lions.

Part of my 2022-2023 agenda will be to implement the Global Membership Approach to stop the decline in membership.

There are four (4) Areas of Focus:

Rejuvenate districts with **new clubs**.

Revitalize clubs with **new members**.

Re-motivate members with new fellowships and exciting **service projects** for involvement.

Provide **training and support** for your Lion Leaders.

## **DG RICH'S POST - Between the Lions (continued)**

My next item(s) on the agenda is to have a minimum of one district wide project for each one of the five Lions' causes: Diabetes, Environment, Hunger, Childhood Cancer and Vision.

We have the best clubs in the state, and I will work the hardest to see that you get the Club Excellence Awards in 2023 that your members deserve!

As always, your comments and suggestions are more than welcome. Please share them and thanks for your time.

DG Rich

### **NEWS & VIEWS ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS**

**We NEED your stories and photos. We know you are serving your communities. Whether it is a service project, a fundraiser, Officer Installations, New Member Inductions or thanking a member for a job well done - let us know what you are doing. We can all learn off each other!**

**Articles for the News & Views should be in WORD or JPEG formats and NOT PDF formats. Font size should be at least 16 and 200 words is the maximum limit for articles. If photos are submitted (encouraged) the articles should be no longer than 110 words and please name the people in the photo(s) if possible. Submit all articles and photos to Paulette Bailey at [ladipee@gmail.com](mailto:ladipee@gmail.com) by the 20th of the month.**

# Vice Governor Frank's Musings



Greetings fellow Lions.

July marks a new fiscal year. I know you are busy deciding on a new budget and what works out best for your club. I am challenging everyone to participate in White Cane Day collections for District 12N. I considerate it to be a worthy and just cause. But what is the meaning of the white cane?

The white cane was created by a man named James Biggs in 1921 over in Bristol, England. Following an unfortunate accident, he became blind. He was walking around and felt uncomfortable due to the amount of traffic. So, he produced an idea of painting his walking stick white to be more visible.

Later in 1930, George Bonham, President of the Peoria, Illinois Lions Club produced an idea of using a white cane with a red stripe. The sole purpose was to assist the blind and help them become more independent. The Peoria Lions Club approved the idea, the white canes were made and handed over, and the Peoria City Council adopted a new ordinance giving anybody with a white cane right-of-way to cross the street.

As a result, Lions Clubs have a White Cane Day every year to help raise awareness for individuals who are blind. District 12N Lions raise funds that support causes like Childhood Cancer or Diabetes awareness, The East Tennessee Eye Bank, Lions Volunteer Blind Industries, Leader Dogs for The Blind, Tennessee School for The Deaf, Tennessee School for The Blind, just to name a few.

1st VDG Frank McCall



# DISTRICT CLUBS SERVING FROM THE HEART

## West Knox Lions

The Wesley House asked the West Knox Lions Club to host a meal for the Grannies. The Bingo game was hosted by a group of young people from a summer camp out of Georgia.



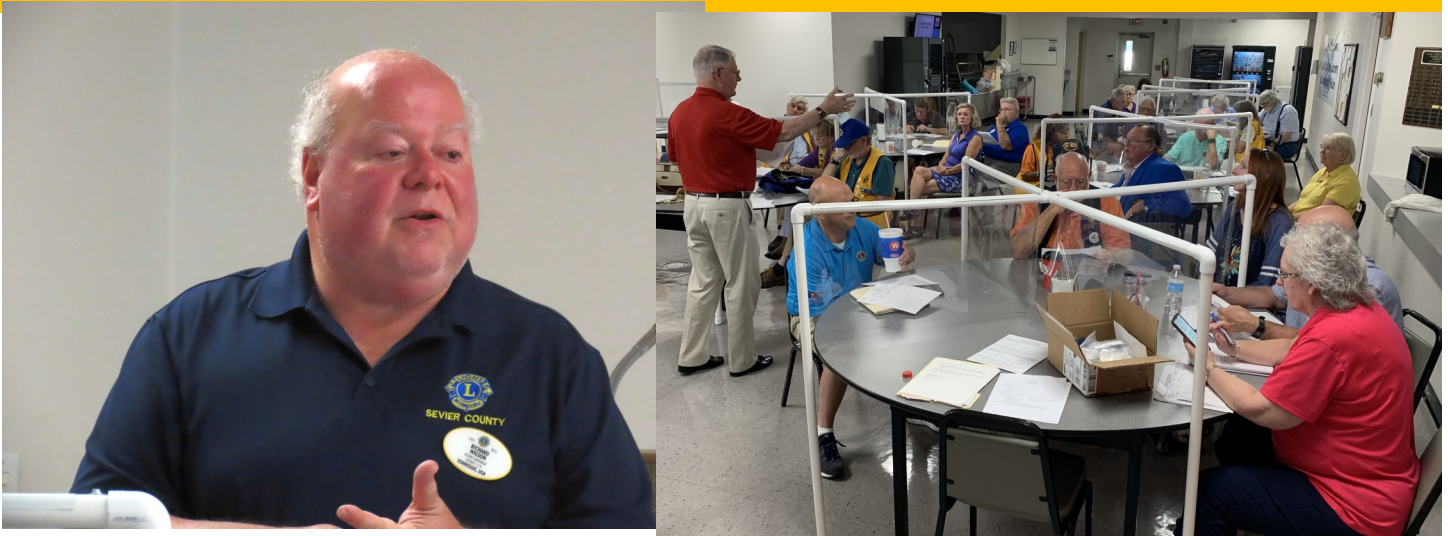
We all enjoyed pre fourth of July favorites - hotdogs, baked Beans, slaw, chili, deserts, tea and lemonade.

We had wonderful fellowship together. Representing West Knox Lions were Lions Jayne, Sue, Nancy, Omega, Beverly, Myra and a special helper Rose.





# DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING



District Governor Rich Wilson bringing the meeting to order. PDG Chuck Bailey reviewing the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 financials.



IPDG Paulette Bailey presenting Int'l President's Certificate to Connie Emmons for her work as Service Chair and Leader Dogs for the Blind Chair.

IPDG Paulette presenting Membership Award to PCC Tony Gross of the Karns Lions Club for gaining the most members for the 2nd half of the year - Jan-June.

Leader Dog Sugar totally bored with the whole thing as Puppy Raiser Connie looks on.



# REPORT MISSING FROM DISTRICT 12-N OPRGANIZATIONAL MEETING PACKET



## District 12N Hearing Aid Program Report The Hearing and Speech Foundation, Inc. (HSF) July 16, 2022

Six (6) – Number of Requests for hearing aids and forms sent for the 2021-2022 Lions year.

Seven (7) – Number of Clients serviced between June 29, 2021 and June 14, 2022 at The Hearing and Speech Foundation, Inc. in Maryville, TN.

Three (3) – Clients serviced at \$160. Each

One (1) – Client serviced at \$100.

Two (2) – Clients serviced at \$175. Each

One (1) – Client serviced at \$325.

**Total of 7 clients serviced.....\$1,255.00 Total**

Within this same time frame, donations to The Hearing and Speech Foundation, Inc. were **\$2,600.00**.  
**As of June 14, 2022, the current balance in the Hearing Aid account is \$4,951.78.**

### Goals:

1. Update/redo the Lions information forms
2. Have the Hearing information placed on the District 12N website and in News & Views.
3. Reach out to persons requesting forms, but who never file. See how we can help.
4. Encourage Clubs to include hearing aids inside eyeglass donation boxes.

Thank you to all LIONS who have donated hearing aids. Keep up the good work!

Lions Nellie, Kim, and Barbara will be meeting with John Hinkle at HSF on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> for updating and upgrading of information.

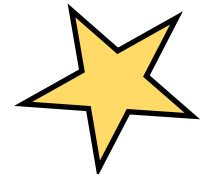
Nellie Harshbarger, Chairperson

Kim Osborne, Co-Chairperson

Barbara Nicodemus, Co-Chairperson



## 2022 "DAY WITH THE LIONS" Congratulations Reverse Raffle Winners



1st Ticket Drawn - \$200 - Lion Jeanette Johnson accepting award from PDG Jim McFarland for daughter, Ashley Smith.  
\$500 winner - David Douthat, not present.



\$1,000 winner - Ruth Jacobs presented by PDG Jim McFarland



\$2,000 winner - Wendy Hancock presented by PDG Jim McFarland.





## **CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARDS**



### **SMALL CLUB OF THE YEAR**

1st Place - Johnson County - \$100

2nd Place - Knox County North - \$60

3rd Place - Inskip - \$40

### **MEDIUM CLUB OF THE YEAR**

1st Place - Clinton - \$100

2nd Place - Maryville - \$60

3rd Place - Campbell County - \$40

### **LARGE CLUB OF THE YEAR**

1st Place - Tellico Village - \$100

2nd Place - Dandridge - \$60

3rd Place - West Knox - \$40

Congratulations to all of these clubs and thank you for participating in the District Club of the Year Contest. All Clubs are invited to participate - everyone has a chance to win. All you need to do is report your service on MyLion and follow the other guidelines that you will receive from the Contest & Awards Chair shortly.



# Club Excellence Awards



The Club Excellence Award is more than an award ... it is proof that your club is STRONG!

Clubs that excel in community service, membership growth, communications and organizational operations may qualify for the prestigious Excellence Awards.

Please use the qualifications outlined in the club excellence award application as your road map to excellence.

Did your club finish the year with a net growth in membership? Did your club participate in at least three service projects? Did you promote your club's events or activities to the community? If you answered yes to these questions, you may be eligible for the Club Excellence Award.

**The Club Excellence Award for 2021-2022 is due August 31, 2022.** The application form can be found at <https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/club-excellence-awards>.

For questions, inquiries or to submit your Club Excellence Award Application you may contact us by email [clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org](mailto:clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org) or by phone (630)468-6828.

Make it your Club's tradition to excel every year! You can begin now to work towards achieving the Club Excellence award for 2022-2023—you basically have the entire Lions year to work towards achieving the qualifications outlined in the application.

All Lions and Lion clubs are important and can make a difference!

## OTHER DISTRICT RELATED ITEMS

### **WEST KNOX LIONS GOLF TOURNAMENT**



We are proud to announce our 27th annual golf tournament. It will be on Monday, September 19, 2022 at the Egwani Farms Golf Course, 3920 Singleton Station Rd, Rockford, TN. It's a 4 person team best ball tournament. Registration begins at 7:30. Tee time is 8:30am

Entry fee is \$100.00 which includes; green fees, a cart, & a barbecue lunch. There will be prizes for first and second place teams, the Longest Drive, the Over 65 Longest Drive, & four closest to the pin contests. In addition, there's a chipping contest. Door prize drawings will be held.

Proceeds from the tournament go to finance many West Knox Lions charities, including our KidSight OutReach Program. We are part of the Smoky Mountain Lions Charities, which owns and operates the Mobile Eye Lab. The lab provides eye exams and eyeglasses at a very low cost for all the East Tennessee Lions Club sight programs.

Put together a team and join us. Or come on your own and we will assign you to a team. For information call Ron Riehn 865 773 -3795 or Ron Welch 865 690-6317.

**6TH ANNUAL**

*Farragut Lions Club*  
**CAR SHOW**



**OPEN TO  
VEHICLES OF  
ALL AGES!**

**SEPTEMBER 24, 2022  
8:00AM TO 1PM**

**AT JC PENNY'S TURKEY CREEK**  
CONTACT (865) 679-4779 FOR MORE DETAILS





To develop leaders, motivate and educate attendees, provide an open exchange of ideas, and support programs and goals of Lions Clubs International.

Over 70 seminars will be offered with several motivational speakers, service projects, a Strides walk, great meals and entertainment and countless opportunities to network with other partner programs and like-minded Lions members.

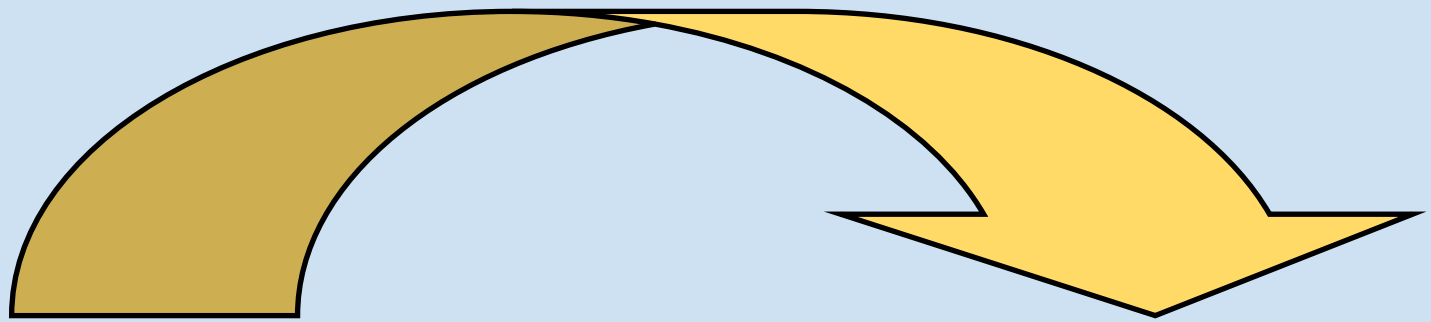
Please join us in Calgary - Registration form follows on next page.

**46th ANNUAL USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM***Calgary, Alberta Canada***Thursday, September 15, 2022 - Saturday, September 17, 2022****The Forum begins on Thursday morning and ends after the closing banquet on Saturday evening.****Please book your hotel stay accordingly.****Registrant A**

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(name of mentor must be listed to receive credit for your attendance)					
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(Please specify needs and include any allergies. It may not be possible to accommodate all special meal requests)					
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(Please let us know how we can help with your specific challenge, i.e.: hearing device, Braille, signer, wheelchair access...?)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I am a Pin Trader <input type="checkbox"/> I will need a table for pin trading _____ Number of tables needed _____					
(Pin trading tables will be available at \$60 each)					
<input type="checkbox"/> I would like to participate in the Strides Stampede on Thursday afternoon, September 15, 2022. (Cost is \$25 per person)					
T-shirt size _____					

**Registrant B**

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## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

Cheryl Roach - Dandridge

Paul Blair - Elizabethton

Charlotte Miller - West Knox (Transfer)

Tom Miller - West Knox (Transfer)

*WELCOME NEW  
MEMBERS*

## **IN MEMORY OF**

PDG Dennis Powell - Johnson City

Betty Ruth Sharp - East Hawkins

Jim Vincill - Johnson County







**Did you know that Lions Volunteer Blind Industries in Morristown and Johnson City employs over 100 disabled individuals, some of whom have been with us over 30 years?**

This team of highly-skilled employees produce mattresses, foundations, mattress pads, army and navy physical-fitness pants, helmet covers for the military, and industrial paper towels. The products made by our blind and visually-impaired employees can be found in homes, colleges and universities, hotels and resorts, and on military bases both at home and abroad.

Begun in 1951 by the combined efforts of Lions Club Members, the National Industries for the Blind, the State of Tennessee, and other interested individuals, **Lions Volunteer Blind Industries** began our mission of providing blind people with **"The dignity of independence through employment."** Our goal is to help people who are blind to help themselves by achieving personal and economic independence.

***We are always hiring blind and visually-impaired people, and offer a very competitive compensation and benefit package. We can use your help to recruit visually-impaired applicants! How? Get the word out in your community and refer interested applicants to us by sharing this link: <https://www.facebook.com/ComfortCraftersMorristown/videos/186130468965042/>***

**How can we help YOU? Please consider us for a fundraiser with our Comfort Crafters® mattresses!**



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